GOLD RUSH!™

HINT BOOK

INTRODUCTION

Howdy! We hope you are having a great time stepping back more than a century to experience a truly great western adventure! The goal of "Gold Rush!" is to re-create the thrill and challenge of risking everything to travel to the other side of the continent in search of riches. As the main character of this game you have become one of a special breed who was stricken with the incurable disease of "gold fever." Sometimes perseverance, thought, and even a touch of luck will be enough to get you through some difficult situations, but not always.

How to use a hint book

The whole point of playing "Gold Rush!" is to discover its puzzles and the solutions to them. The game has a definite sequence of events, and if you do not accomplish certain things before moving on, often you will simply miss out on points that would have been added to your score. This hint book was created to help you discover the solutions to those areas that you can't seem to get quite right. The hints in this book progress from being mildly helpful to telling the answer outright. When you get stumped, look in this book for a question that is closest to your problem. Read the answers in sequence by placing the red window card over the desired answer, reading only those hints that you really need. If you have a problem that isn't covered in the following pages, feel free to contact Sierra's 24 Hour Hint Line at (209) 683-6858.

How NOT to use a hint book

Do not go through this book reading hint after hint. Read only those hints that are absolutely necessary, and as few of those as you can. We have purposefully made the questions to the hints rather vague so as not to give any clues away. The questions do progress with the game, however, so when you really need a clue you should be able to find it. Also, don't think that every question is real. Along with the legitimate questions you will find some fakes, so don't assume that every question you see in this book has something to do with the game!

After you have finished "Gold Rush!"

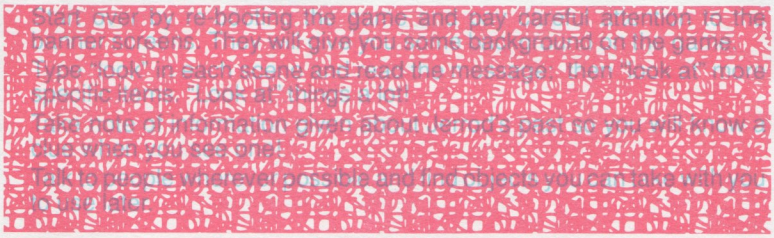
After you have finished "Gold Rush!" once, don't quit playing—two other games still await you! There are three routes to California, so to experience everything that this game has to offer, you will have to play it three times. After you have REALLY completed "Gold Rush!" take a look at the back section of this book, titled "After the End of the Game." That information will help you as you play the game through again with the goal of obtaining the maximum score possible (255 points). But be very cautious using that section, since it will ruin the game if you use it too soon!

Thank you for purchasing "Gold Rush!"—best wishes in your search for the mother lode!

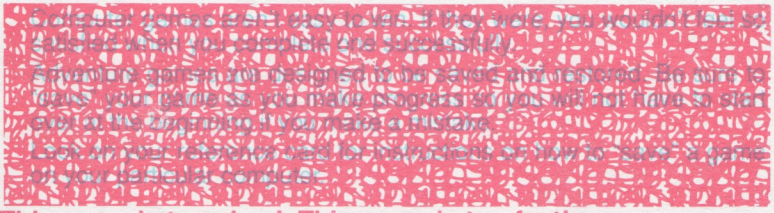
Doug and Carol MacNeill

GENERAL

What's going on here?! I just seem to wander around without accomplishing anything.



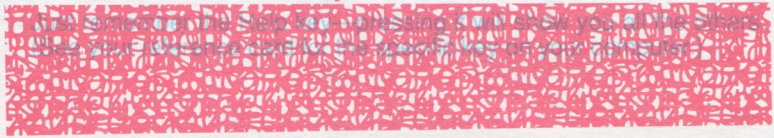
I keep making mistakes that lead to my death. Am I the only one who has this problem, and do I always have to start over from the beginning?



This game is too slow! This game is too fast!

I left my computer for a few minutes, and when I came back things were not the same!

I can't remember all the keys!



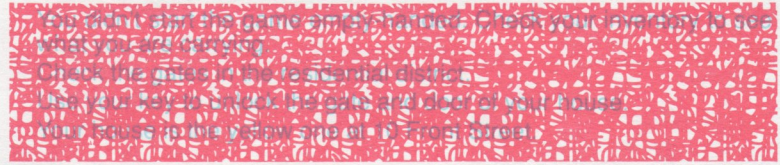
How do I "look at" the objects that I'm carrying?

I "look" at certain objects but don't seem to get enough information.

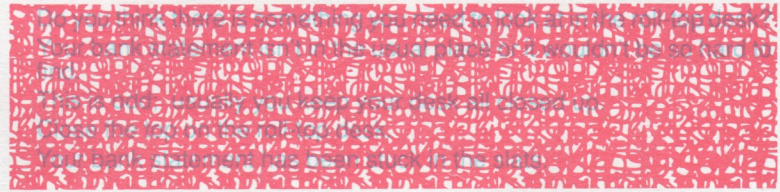
IN BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

What a boring place! I don't seem to have any purpose here.

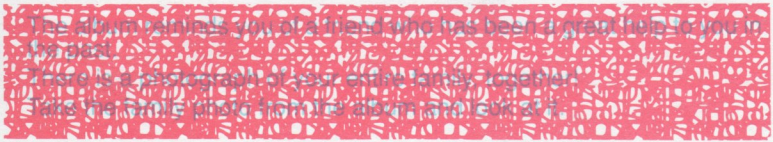
Isn't there someplace I can call my own? Life on the streets isn't all it's cracked up to be!



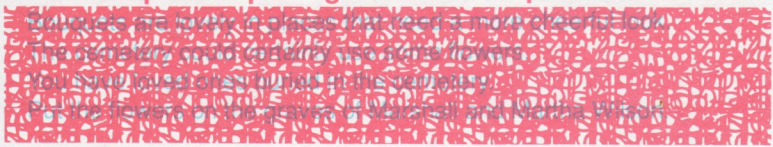
I'm looking around in a house, and something about the desk in the corner bothers me.



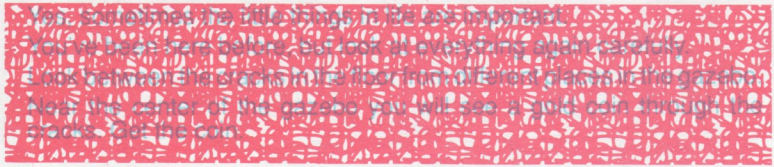
I've found a family album, but what is so special about it?



What is the point of picking flowers in the park?

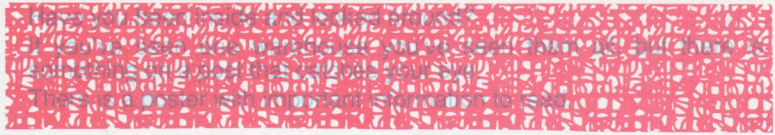


The gazebo is pretty, but should I spend any time there?

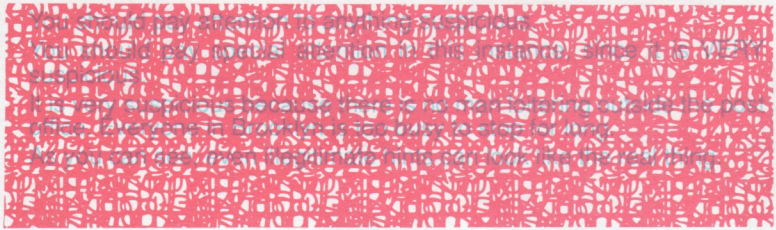


I was strolling in the park, when a cop came and gave me a ticket.

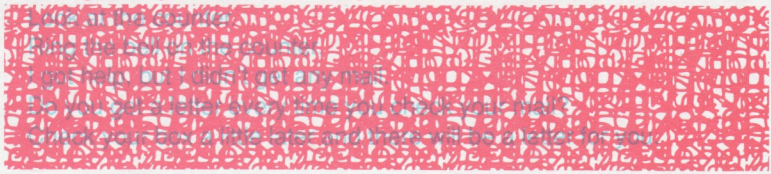
The new warehouse is nice, but warehouses don't interest me.



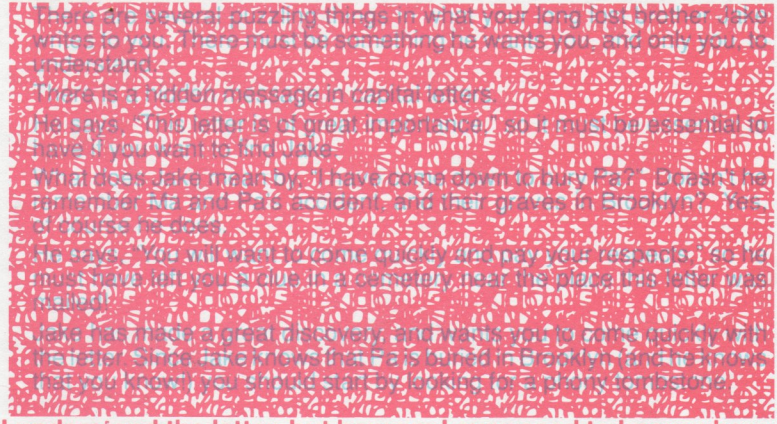
Should I pay attention to the man loitering outside the post office?



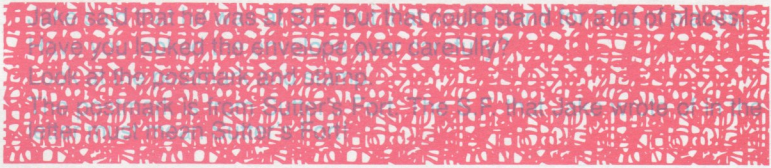
I can't get any service at the post office!



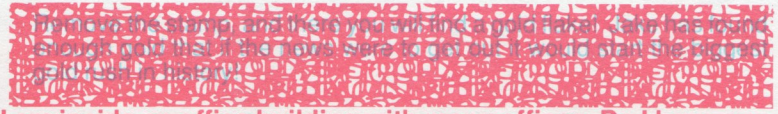
I have read my mail, but it doesn't say much. I think I am missing the point.



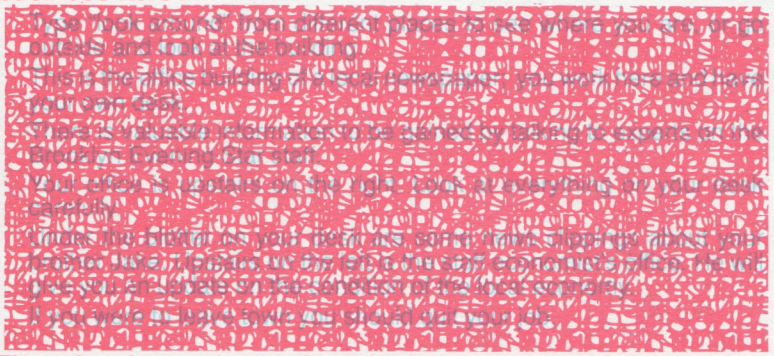
I understand the letter, but how am I supposed to know where to start looking?



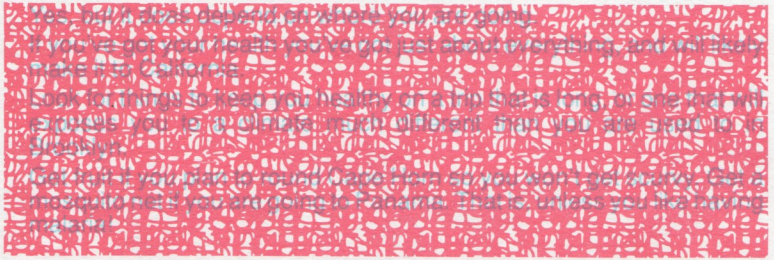
Why is the letter sender being so secretive?



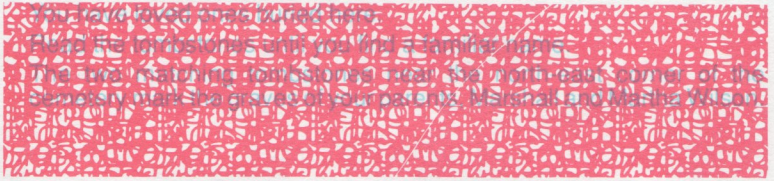
I am inside an office building with many offices. Do I have any business here?



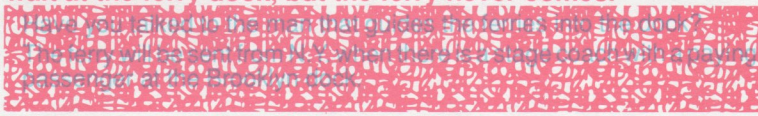
There is a lot to choose from in the stores! Is there anything here that will help me later?



I am reading tombstones in the cemetery but I don't see anything that is significant to me personally.



I wait at the ferry dock, but the ferry never comes.



I'm told that there is a man at the livery stable, but I don't see anybody around there!

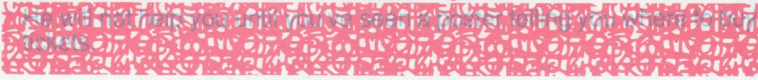
The horse in the livery stable always kills me with one swift kick.

The ship at the dock leaves without giving me a clue. When do I need to be on board?

Why are there sometimes posters around town and sometimes not?

What is so important about the President's announcement?

I know who sells tickets for the ship, but he won't talk to me at all, or if he does it is too late to buy one!

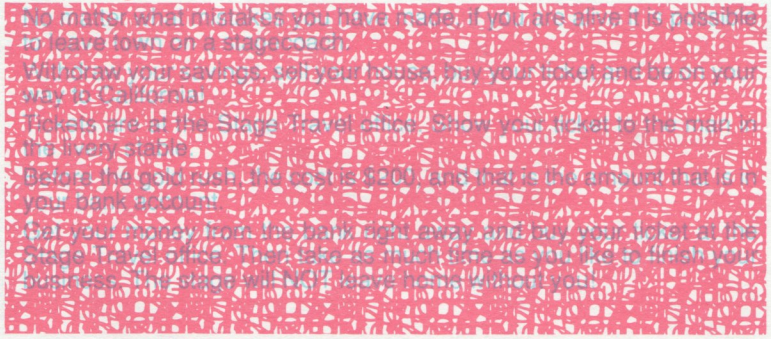


I think I could get out of town if I only had more money!

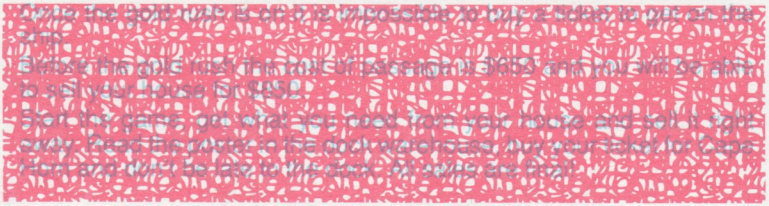
How do I find the information that I need at the bank?

I HAVE HAD IT!! GET ME OUT OF BROOKLYN!!!

How can I go to California on the overland trail?

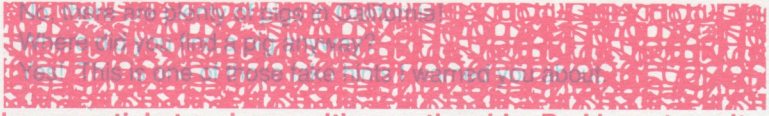


How can I buy a ticket on the ship around Cape Horn?



How can I gain passage on the ship to Panama?

Should I take the pig with me on the overland trek?

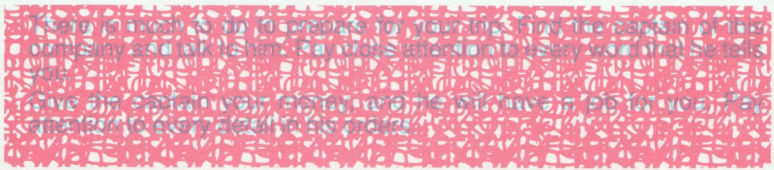


I have my ticket and am waiting on the ship. Do I have to wait, or is there a short cut?

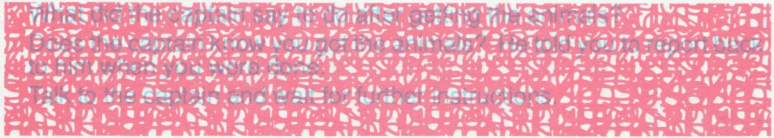
I am missing something small, but important. What is it?

THE OVERLAND TREK

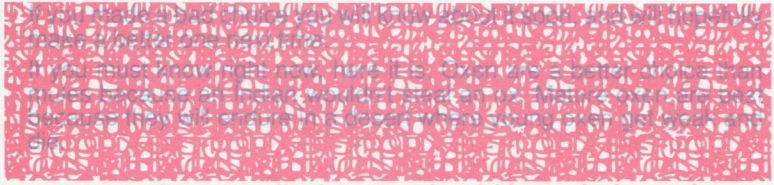
I am in the camp at Independence. What are we waiting for?



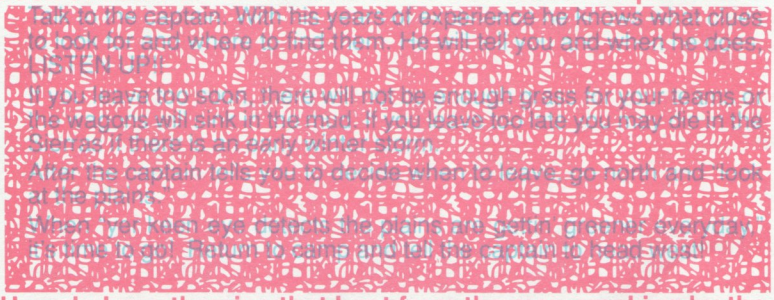
I selected the animals as the captain asked me to, but I don't know what to do next.



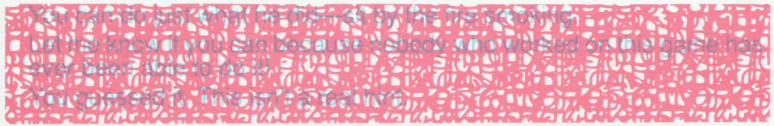
How will I know if I made the best selection of animals?



I don't know how to tell when we should leave Independence.

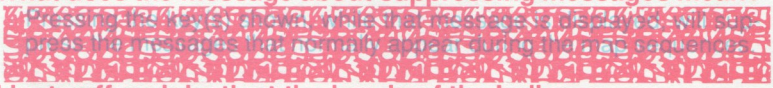


How do I use the pipe that I got from the man smoking by the fire?

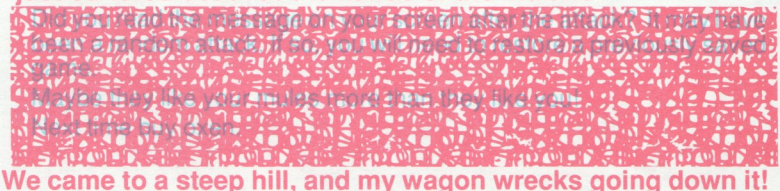


What do I need the book for?

What does the message about suppressing messages mean?

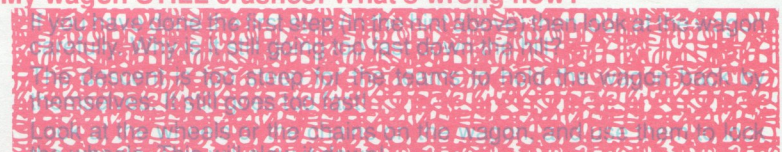


I just suffered death at the hands of the Indians.



We came to a steep hill, and my wagon wrecks going down it!

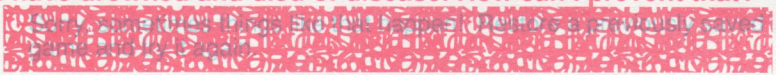
My wagon STILL crashes! What's wrong now?



I am in the desert and my animal teams are failing me!

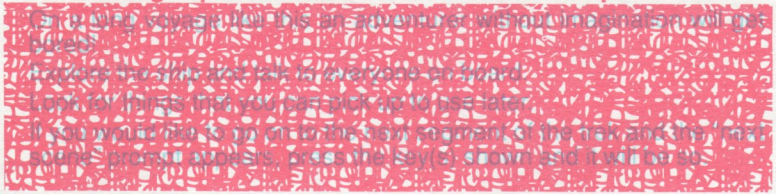
I am about to die of thirst or starvation. Is there hope?

I have drowned and died of disease. How can I prevent that?



CAPE HORN TREK

This is a long trip. What is there to do on the ship?



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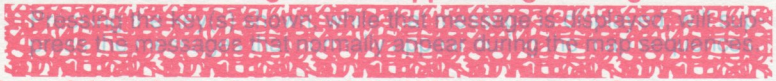
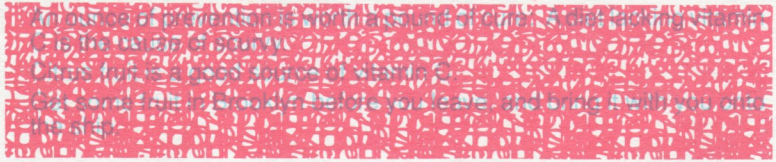
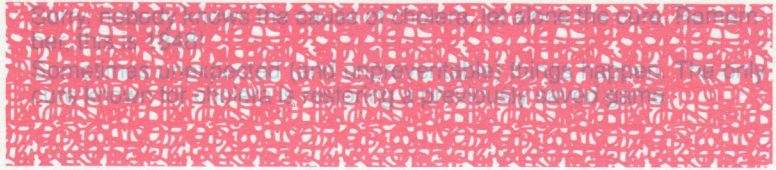


I am dying of scurvy every time. What is my cure?



I'm dying to get to California, but I am also dying of cholera! Help!!



What do I do with the telescope the captain gave me after I shared my fish with him?

What do I need the book for?

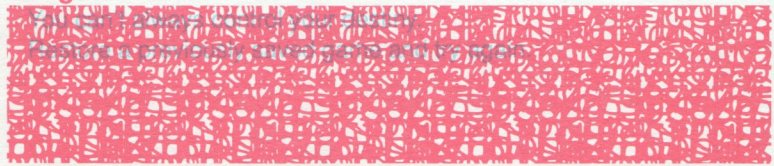
It is stormy going around Cape Horn. Is there anything to worry about?

Is there any way to help the crew avoid these shipwrecks?

I had some scraps before the storm, but now they're gone!

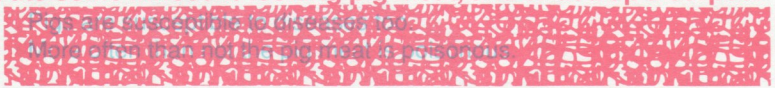
I opened the door to the coal hold, and now I'm just another statistic!

I'm tired of dying! Now it's a boiler explosion. What am I doing wrong?

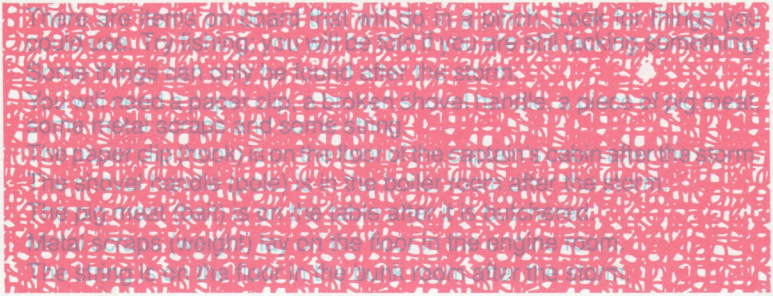


Provisions are gone, and one man has died. I will be next if I don't get some food.

I ate some innocent-looking pig meat, and ended up a corpse!



I would like to fish, but don't have the necessary equipment.



PANAMA TREK

What does the message about suppressing messages mean?

The first part of this trek is under program control. I have seen this before, is there a way to skip this part?

Looks like trouble on the Chagres River! Our boat has been stopped by some hostile natives!

[illegible]

Malaria stops me dead in my tracks. Is there no way to prevent this jungle disease?

[illegible]

What do I need the book for?

[illegible]

OH NO!! It's the dreaded jungle ants! How do I escape?

[illegible]

How can I avoid the snake in the jungle?

[illegible]

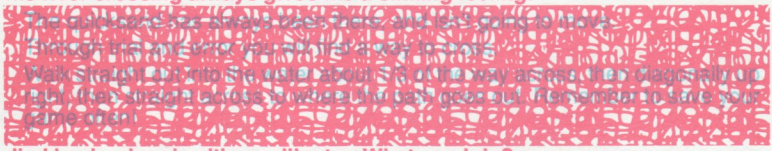
OUCH!! I died from a poisonous thorn bush! Why me?

[illegible]

OUCH! (and I am no where near a poisonous plant!)

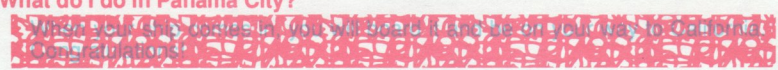
[illegible]

This river crossing always gives me a sinking feeling!



I died having lunch with an alligator. What can I do?

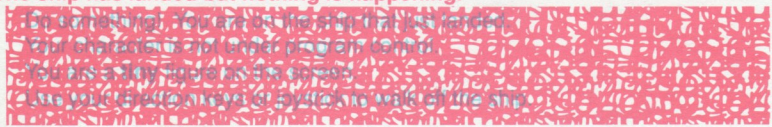
What do I do in Panama City?



IN CALIFORNIA

Sacramento

The ship has landed but nothing is happening.

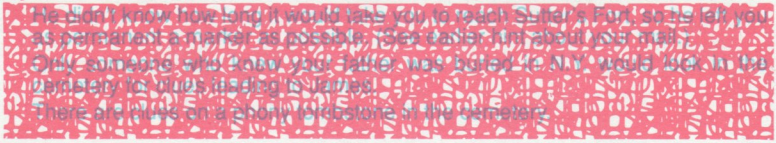


Okay, I've found who I am, but Sacramento still seems to have nothing for me.

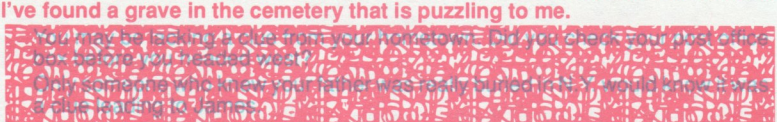
How can I buy things at the tradin' store?

After all this you would think I would know what to buy!

I know my brother left clues for me at Sutter's Fort because of the mysterious letter, but I don't know where to start.



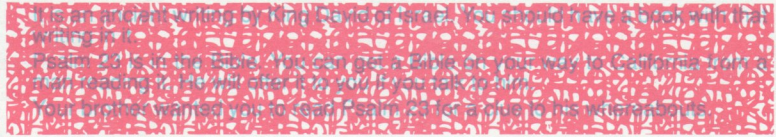
I've found a grave in the cemetery that is puzzling to me.



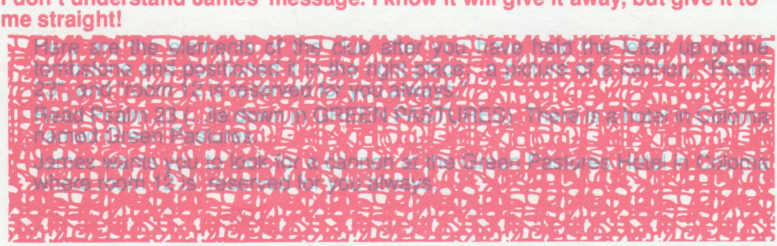
I've found the map, but it's only partially decipherable!

A cannon on a tombstone?

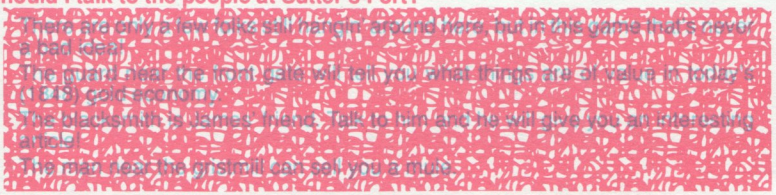
What is Psalm 23?



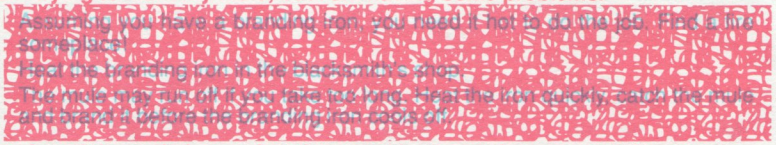
I don't understand James' message. I know it will give it away, but give it to me straight!



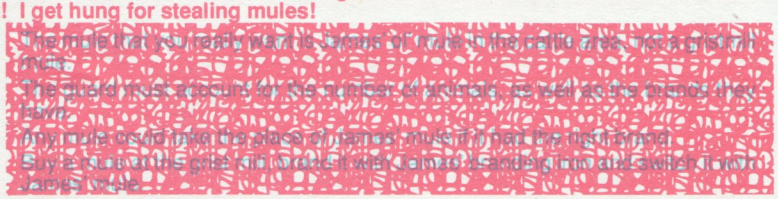
Should I talk to the people at Sutter's Fort?



I am trying to mark my mule, but I am having some problems.

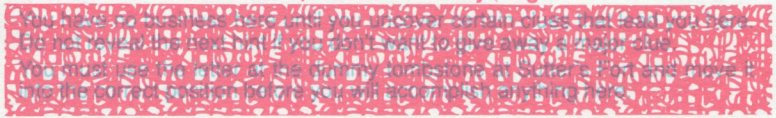


I've found the mule I want, but the guard in the cattle area won't let me take it! I get hung for stealing mules!

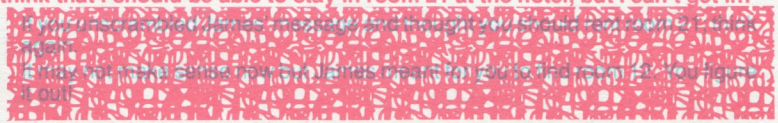


Coloma

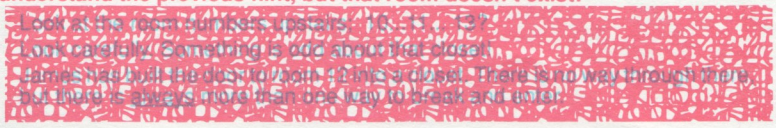
I'm at the Green Pastures Hotel, but I can't do anything!



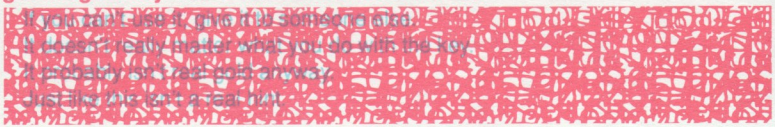
I think that I should be able to stay in room 21 at the hotel, but I can't get in!



I understand the previous hint, but that room doesn't exist!

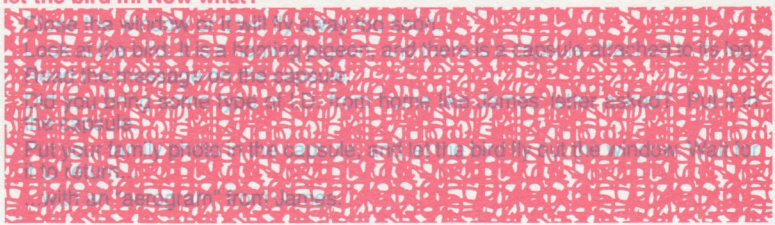


I got the gold key from the desk clerk. Now what?

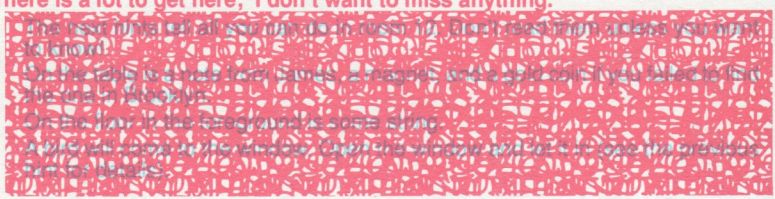


I'm in room 11, and the occupant could return anytime!

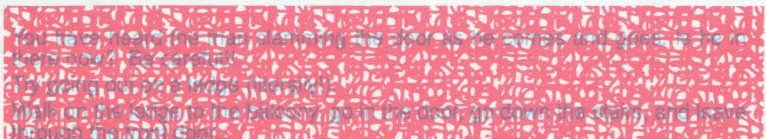
I let the bird in. Now what?



There is a lot to get here; I don't want to miss anything.



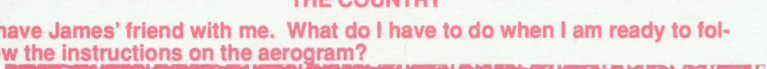
I've had enough of this room! How can I get out of here?



How do I find the friend that James mentions?

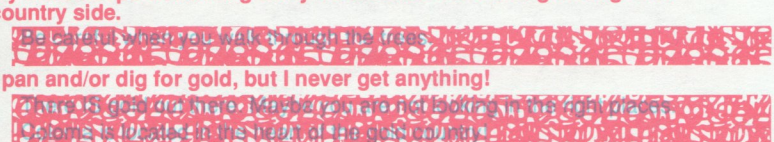
THE COUNTRY

I have James' friend with me. What do I have to do when I am ready to follow the instructions on the aerogram?



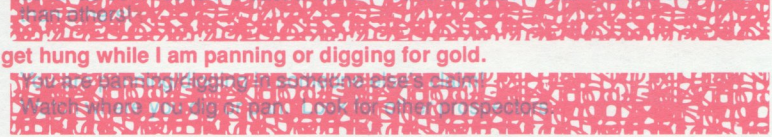
My mule keeps wandering away from me as I'm walking through the country side.

I pan and/or dig for gold, but I never get anything!



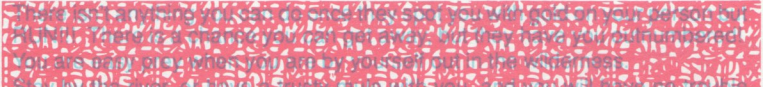
I get hung while I am panning or digging for gold.

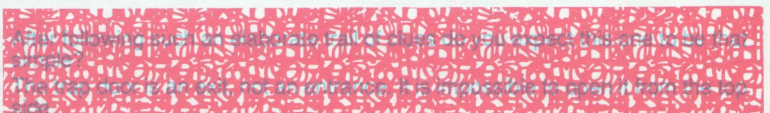
Is there any way to avoid these bandits?



JAMES' PLACE

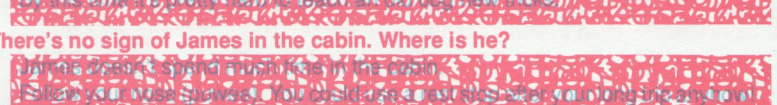
I'm inside a cabin, and I have uncovered something that I can't seem to open!



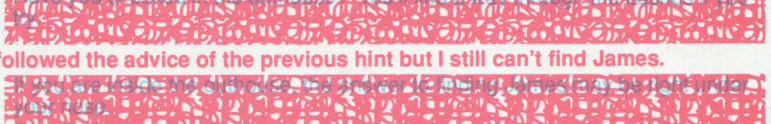


James' dog looks like its trying to tell me something!

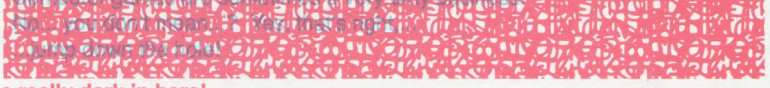
There's no sign of James in the cabin. Where is he?



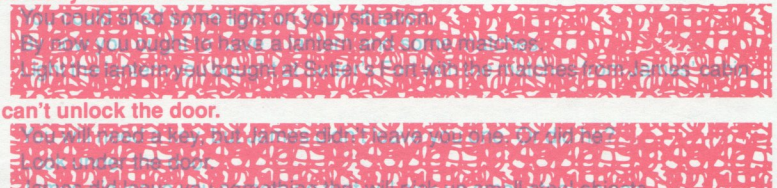
I followed the advice of the previous hint but I still can't find James.



It's really dark in here!

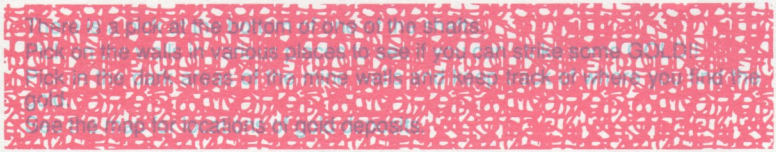


I can't unlock the door.

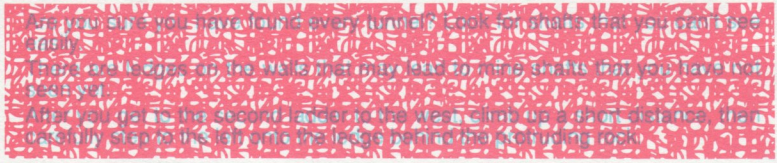


I see that some gold is exposed.

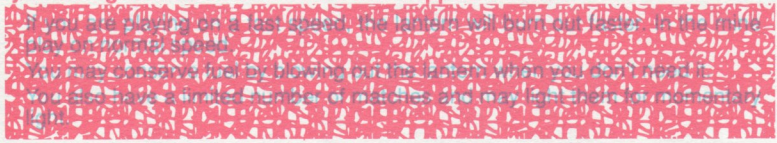
I would like to try and find some unexposed gold.



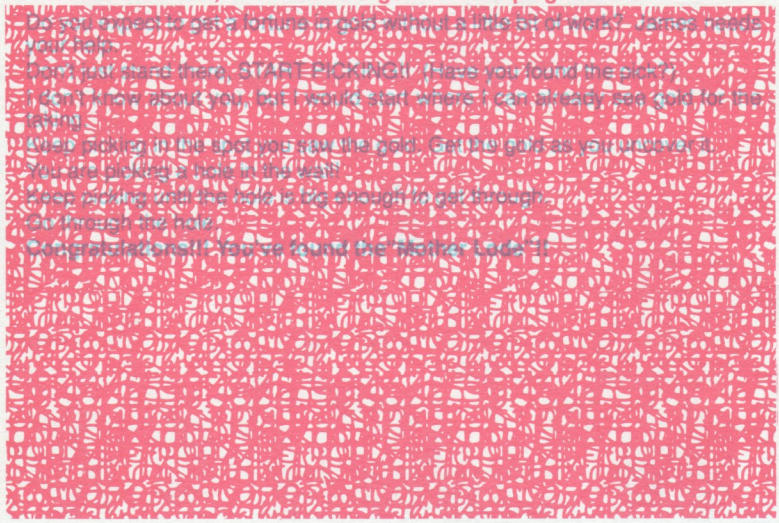
As far as I know, I have searched every inch of this place but am getting nowhere!



My lantern goes out too soon. How am I supposed to see?



I've found James! But, where's all the gold I was hoping to find?



After "The End" of the Game

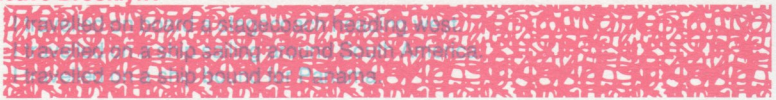
Caution: Read the following pages only if you have literally seen the end of "Gold Rush!" This material is potent, and will take all the fun out of solving the game if you read it before completing the game for yourself.

How did you...

...get your bank account number?

...sell your house?

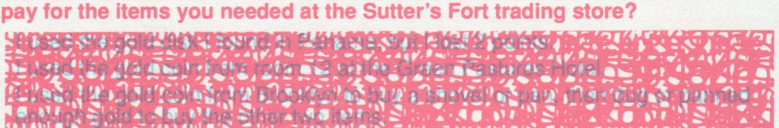
...leave Brooklyn?



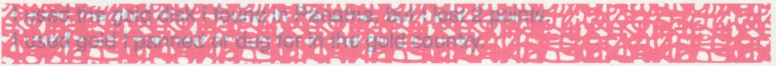
...keep from starving on the ship?

...go through the Panama jungle where it splits into many paths (two of which are deadly)?

...pay for the items you needed at the Sutter's Fort trading store?



...pay for the mule at the Sutter's Fort gristmill?



...enter room 11?

...enter room 12?

I walked on the table from the south entrance (S) and broke the window (not the last one).
I climbed through the fireplace from room 11.

...leave room 11?

I walked out the door into the hall.
I walked on the ladder.
I went into room 12 through the fireplace.

...leave room 12?

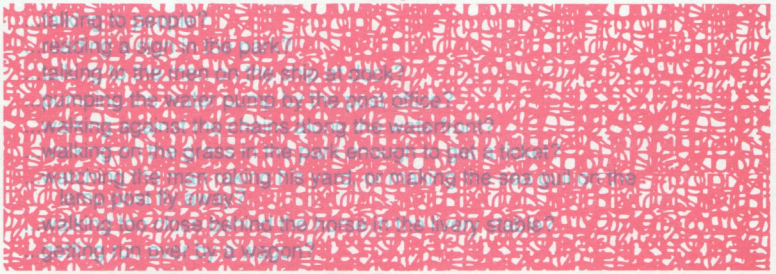
I walked on the ladder.
I went through the fireplace into room 11.

...navigate in the mine?

I left my map through the hatch.
I lit the lantern.

Did you also try...

Brooklyn



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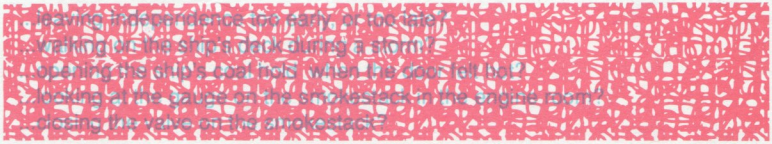
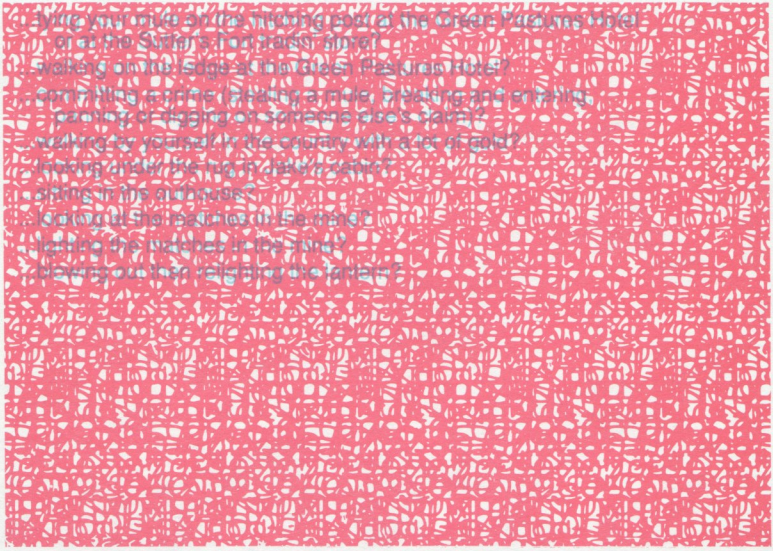


California

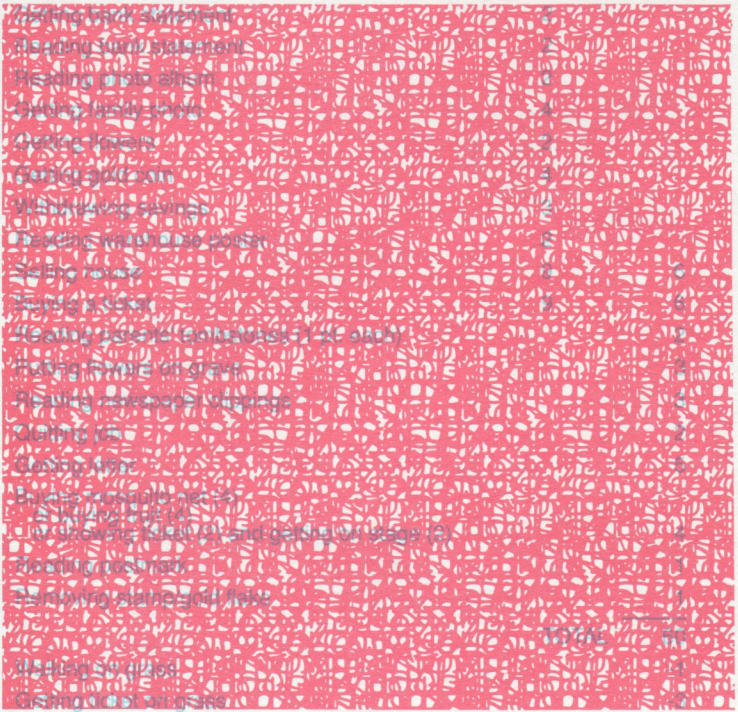


POINTS

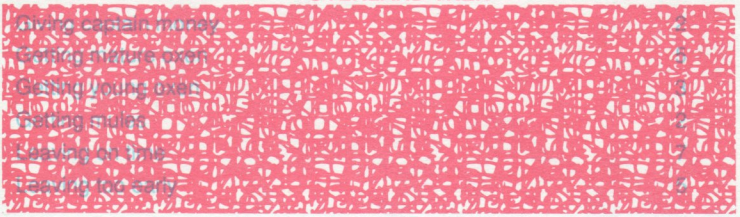
How and where earned	Value

IN BROOKLYN

Before Rush/After Rush



OVERLAND TREK



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CAPE HORN TREK

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Passing Brownie Test	2
Brownie Revels	2
Brownie Role	2
Becoming Brownie Guide for Junior Role	2
Reading Compass	2
Using Other Screw or Hammer	2
Reading Map	2
Using Scissors Safely (Page 41)	2
Giving Message to Helper in Room 11	2
Observe No Use of Drugs in Role 3.13	2
Leading Your Friends (Page 42)	2
Getting Letter Use from Life	2
Sewing Weave	2
Cooking Icing	2
Playing Card Game in Capsule	2
Giving Message	2
Following Dance Route	2
Taking Part in Non-Competitive Game	2
Going Down Outdoor	2
Using Scissors to Measure	2
Finding Magnetic Line Role to Move Over	2
Lowering Flags	2
Reading Maps	2
Showing Interest	2
Saving Power in Home	2
Reading Quiz 1 Hour Test (Page 42)	2
Reading Book in Role 3.12 (Page 43)	2
Using Use the Safety Room	2
	TOTAL 135
Leading Your Friends with Question	BONUS 2
Using Compass with Question	2
Reading Your Role with Question	2

LOCATION OF ALL OBJECTS

Objects	Where found	Where used

Brooklyn

Overland Trek

Cape Horn Trek

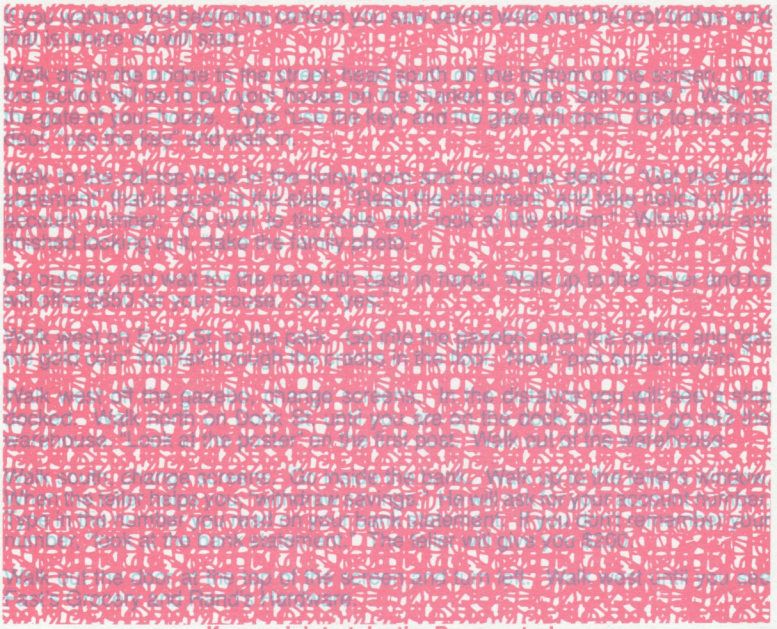
Objects	Where found	Where used
In California		
Shovel	Sutter #5, store	Gold Country
Fish	Sutter #5, store	Sacramento River
Gold	Gold Country	Sutter's Fort, Cashier's office
Lantern	Sutter #5, store	Miners' tents
Branding iron	Stockton	Blacksmith's shop
String	Room 10, hotel	Pony Express
Hammer	Room 10, hotel	Blacksmith's shop
James' bike	Room 12, hotel	
Telegram	Room 12, hotel	
Matches	James' cabin	James' stove
Baseball	Emma Nine's store	Sacramento
Fish	James' bike	James' bike

Walk Thru

This section is for those who have finished the game and want to see if there is a better way to beat the game, or for those who have lost interest because they were not able to solve the puzzles on their own.

This is a step by step guide that will cover the game essentials and show you where to get the points. Words enclosed in "quotation marks" are commands to be typed in during play. Don't read this section if you want to figure out GOLD RUSH! for yourself!

In Brooklyn



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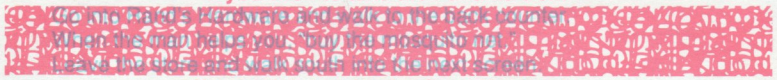
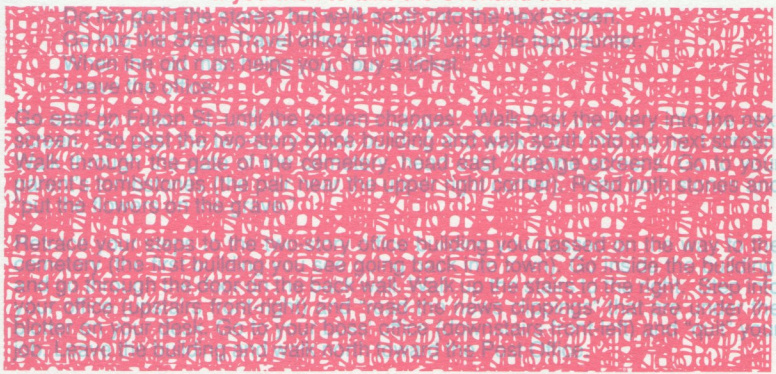
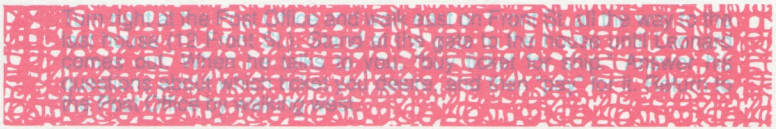


If you wish to take the Cape Horn trek:

If you wish to take the Overland trek:



If you wish to take the Cape Horn or Panama trek:



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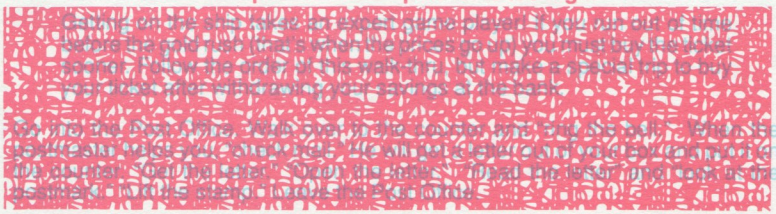

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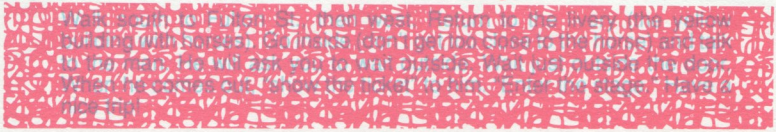
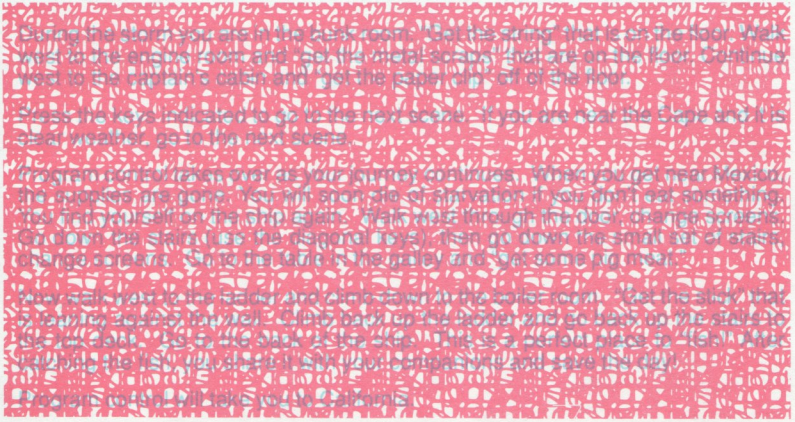


If you have a ticket for the ship:

Overland Trek

Cape Horn Trek



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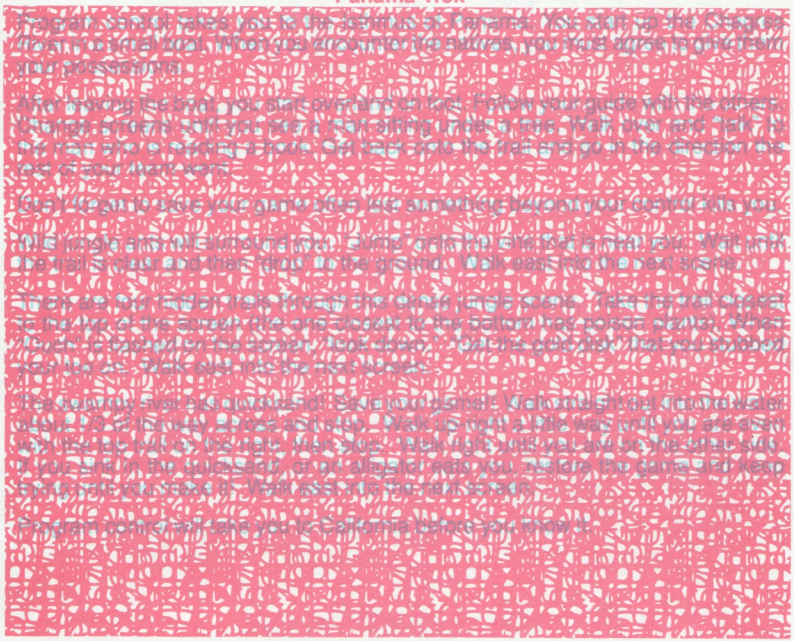

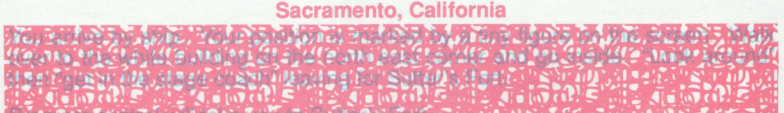

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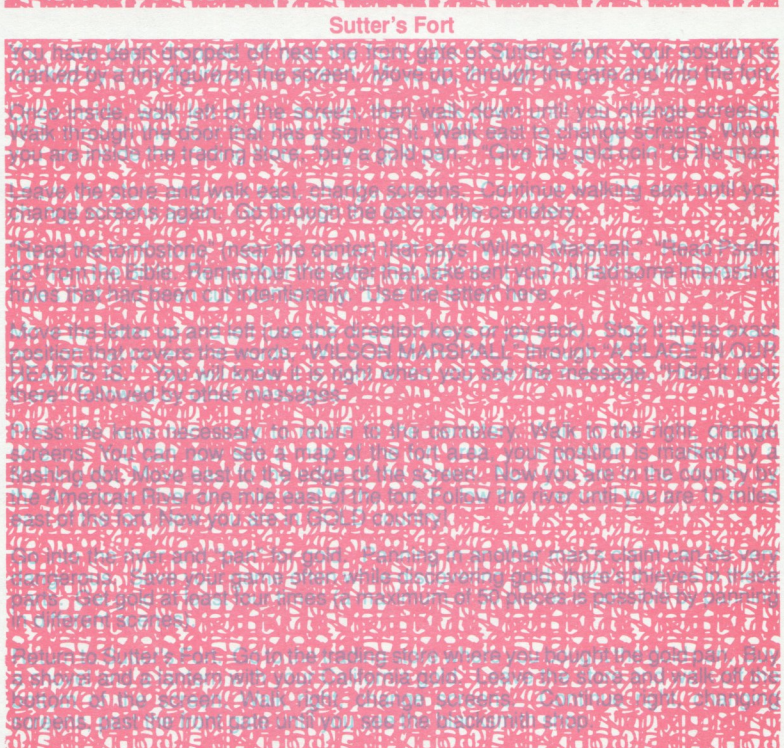

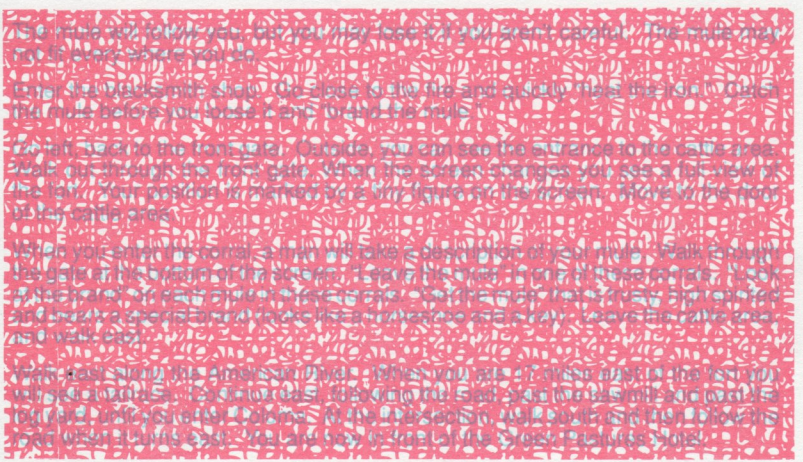

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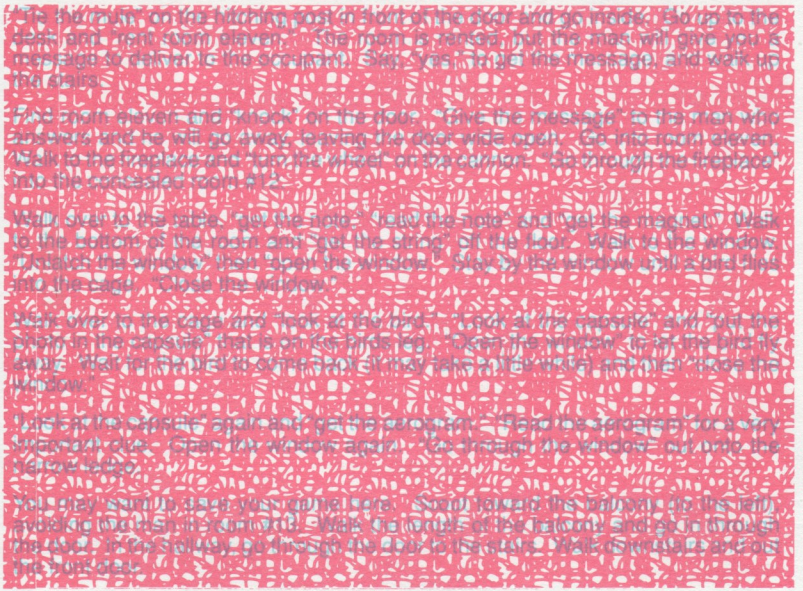

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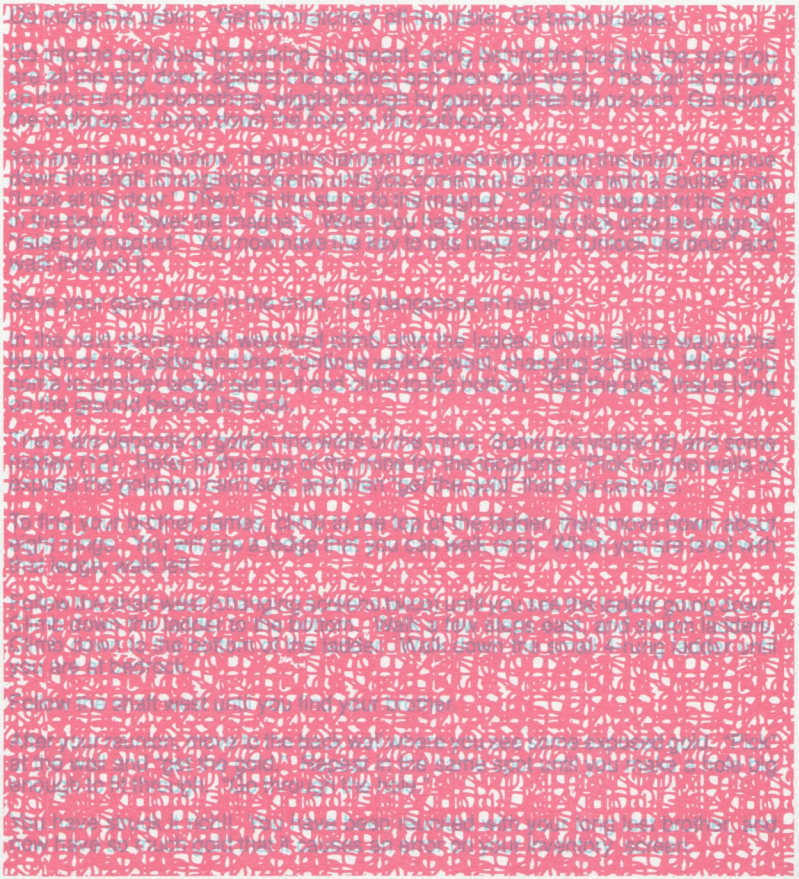

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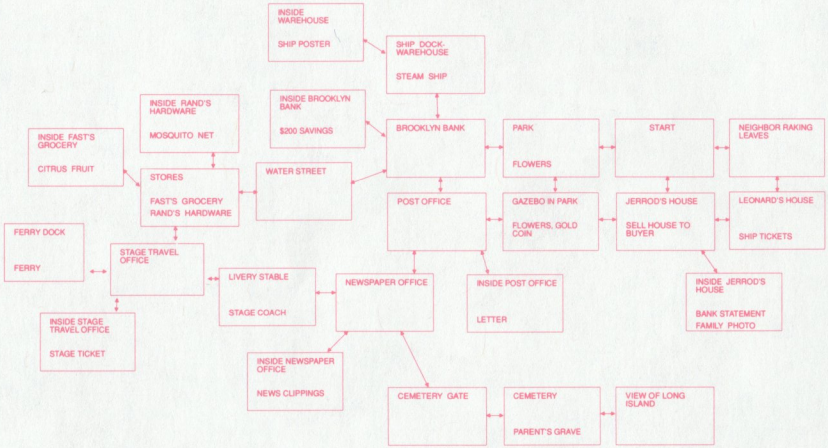

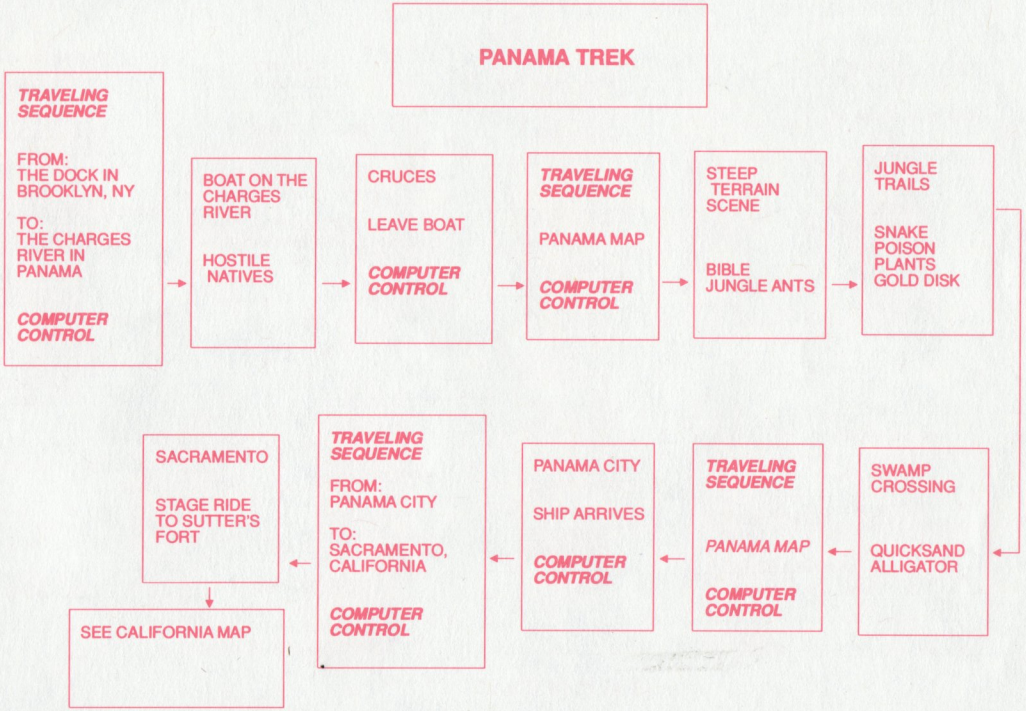
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TO:
THE CHARGES RIVER IN PANAMA
COMPUTER CONTROL
BOAT ON THE CHARGES RIVER
HOSTILE NATIVES
CRUCES
LEAVE BOAT
COMPUTER CONTROL
TRAVELING SEQUENCE
PANAMA MAP
COMPUTER CONTROL
STEEP TERRAIN SCENE
BIBLE JUNGLE ANTS
JUNGLE TRAILS
SNAKE POISON PLANTS GOLD DISK
SWAMP CROSSING
QUICKSAND ALLIGATOR
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SHIP ARRIVES
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TRAVELING SEQUENCE
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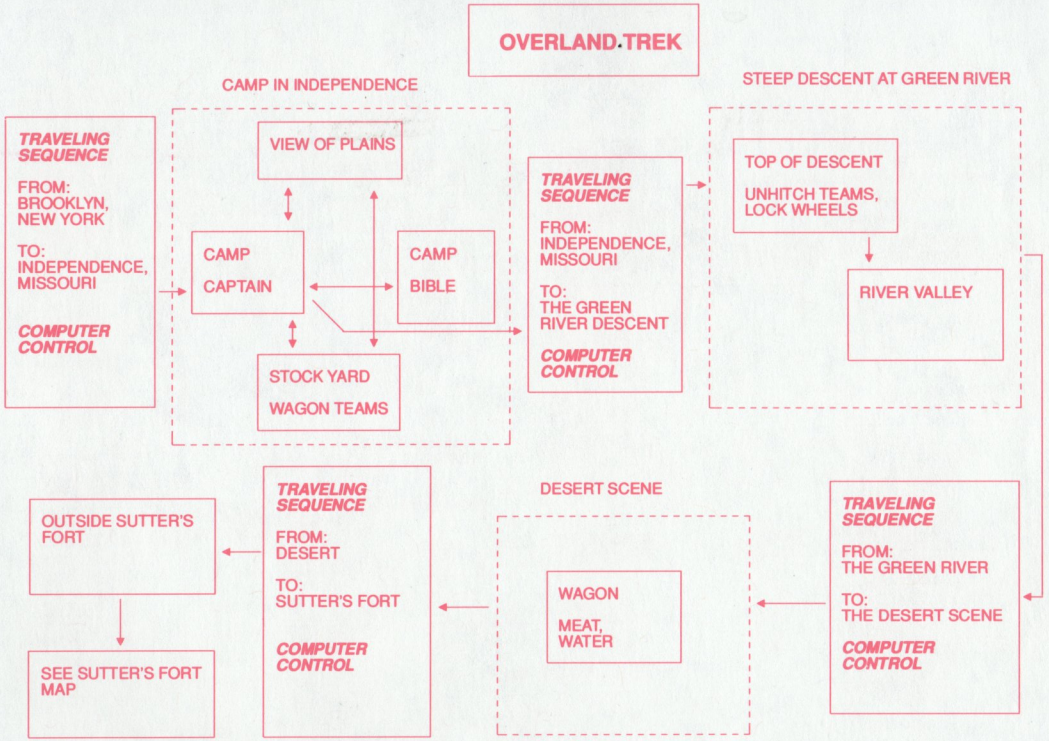
STAGE RIDE TO SUTTER'S FORT
SEE CALIFORNIA MAP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TO: THE GREEN RIVER DESCENT
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TO: THE DESERT SCENE
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DESERT SCENE
WAGON
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TRAVELING SEQUENCE
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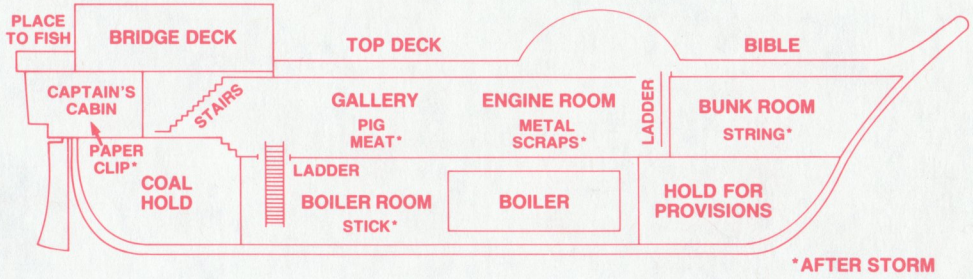


AREA AROUND SUTTER'S FORT

SUTTER'S FORT	AMERICAN RIVER 1 mile east	AMERICAN RIVER 2 miles east
SACRAMENTO RIVER 1 mile south	WILDERNESS 1 mile east 1 mile south	WILDERNESS 2 miles east 1 mile south
SACRAMENTO RIVER 2 miles south	WILDERNESS 1 mile east 2miles south	WILDERNESS 2 miles east 2 miles south

The entire region of California extends 255 miles east and 255 miles south.

SOUTH ↓ 255 miles

EAST → 255 miles

SUTTER'S FORT

INSIDE TRADING STORE
GOLD PAN
SHOVEL
LANTERN

EAST GATE

GRAVE YARD
CLUE ON FALSE GRAVESTONE

DOOR TO TRADING STORE
HITCHING POST

SOUTH WALL OF FORT

CATTLE AREA
GUARD AT GATE

CATTLE AREA
JAMES' OL' MULE

VIEW OF SUTTER'S FORT FROM NORTH SIDE
TO AREA AROUND SUTTER'S FORT

BACK DOOR

STAIRS

FRONT GATE
GUARD

VIEW OF SUTTER'S FORT FROM SOUTH SIDE
TO AREA AROUND SUTTER'S FORT

FORT GRISTMILL
GRISTMILL MULE

WEST WALL OF FORT

BLACKSMITH SHOP
BRANDING IRON, BRAND MULE

FIRST SCENE AT FORT

AREAS IN CALIFORNIA

TOWN OF COLOMA

AMERICAN RIVER 15 miles east	TAILRACE 16 miles east	SUTTER'S MILL 17 miles east	LOG YARD 18 miles east	INTERSECTION OF MAIN AND BRIDGE STREET	MAIN STREET 20 miles east	INTERSECTION OF MAIN & SACRAMENTO	AMERICAN RIVER 22 miles east
WILDERNESS	WILDERNESS	WILDERNESS	WILDERNESS	INTERSECTION OF BRIDGE & BACK STREET	GREEN PASTURES HOTEL Hitching post	INTERSECTION OF SACRAMENTO & BACK	WILDERNESS
				SOUTH OF COLOMA		SACRAMENTO STREET	

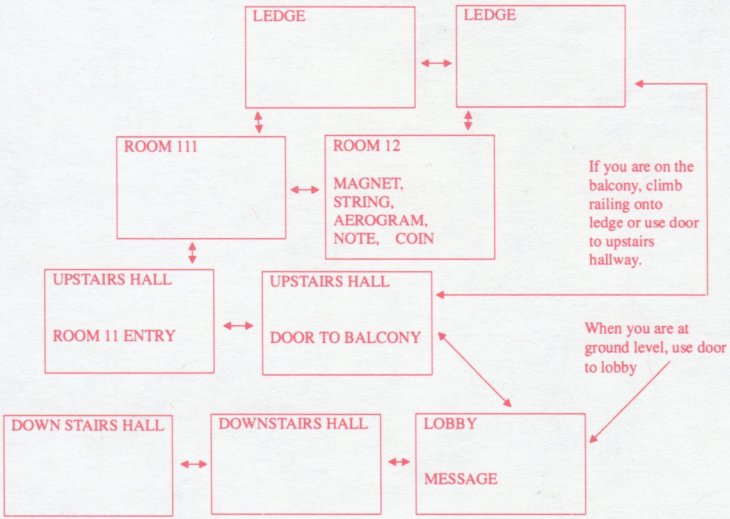
GOLD COUNTRY

The Gold Country is a region between 9 to 80 miles east of the fort and 30 miles south of The American River. Some areas inside the region are richer in gold than others. The entire region of California extends 255 miles east and 255 miles south.

JAMES' CABIN

WILDERNESS	JAMES' CABIN & OUT-HOUSE MILES FROM FORT: 27 MILES EAST 7 MILES SOUTH	WILDERNESS

GREEN PASTURES HOTEL



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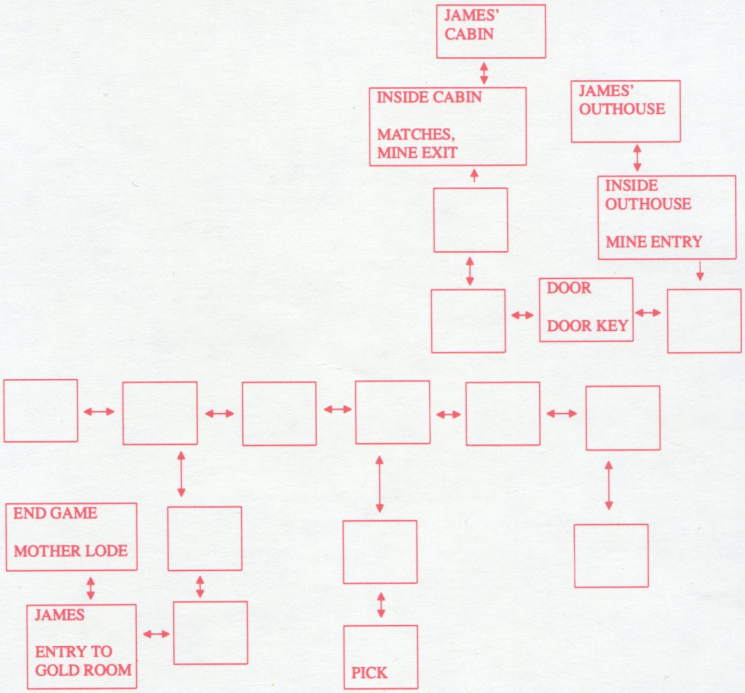

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